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R. I. EMPLOYMENT DECLINES BY 1,200 IN FEBRUARY TO 390,500

"Employment figures in mid-February show a mixed pattern of continuing seasonal declines and cutbacks, as nonmanufacturing job losses out-numbered those in manufacturing by 5 to 1 over the month," Director of the Department of Employment Security, Mary C. Hackett, reported today.

According to preliminary estimates prepared by the Department of Employment Security in cooperation with the U. S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics, 390,500 workers were employed in mid-February. The monthly reduction amounted to 1,200 jobs, and reflects a decrease of 500 jobs in the State over a one-year period.

NONMANUFACTURING

February job losses were concentrated in Contract Construction and Trade, as the number of nonmanufacturing jobs in the State dropped by 1,000 in the month to 260,400. This figure represents a gain, however, of 1,500 over February 1979.

Wholesale and Retail Trade continued their post-holiday decline with a monthly loss of 1,200 jobs, spread throughout all segments of the industry, to reach a total of 77,900 in mid-February.

Contract Construction continued its winter decline, posting losses of 900 jobs in the month, to a level of 10,800 – slightly higher than one year ago.

In the Services industries, a gain of 1,000 was reported, reaching a level of 77,800 and reflecting a yearly gain of 1,800 jobs. Much of this monthly gain was provided by the normal February increases in Private Educational institutions, and recent increases in the CETA programs.

In Transportation and Public Utilities, a labor dispute offset small gains in the industry, resulting in a monthly decrease of 100 jobs to 13,100 in mid-

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EMPLOYERS — TAX CREDITS ARE AVAILABLE TO YOU!

The Work Incentive (WIN) Program was established to help employable persons receiving Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) obtain training and jobs. Employers who hire Win registrants qualify for a WIN/Welfare Tax Credit. Employers hiring persons who have received AFDC for at least 90 days are also eligible for the credit. The Revenue Act of 1978 liberalized the WIN/Welfare Tax Credit, making it more attractive for you to hire WIN registrants to meet your employment needs.

The increased tax credit amounts to 50 percent of the first year wages up to $6,000 and 25 percent of the second year wages up to $6,000 for each eligible employee. That means up to $3,000 for the first year and $1,500 for the second year.

The liberalized WIN/Welfare Tax Credit now has fewer limitations — recoupment provisions no longer exist, the amount of the credit is limited only by tax liability and, for credit to be claimed, employees have to be retained for only 30 consecutive days.

The paperwork — a single certification form — and the steps required to claim a WIN/Welfare Tax Credit are minimal. For more information, contact any office of the R. I. Job Service listed on the last page of the Bulletin or call 277-3727.

JOB SERVICE — EMPLOYMENT SERVICE ACTIVITIES

	Feb. 1980	Jan. 1980	Feb. 1979
Total Placements	1,713	1,768	2,204
New Applications	5,390	6,093	4,580
New Openings Received	2,548	2,947	3,063

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY ACTIVITIES

	Feb. 1980	Jan. 1980	% Change from Jan.
Initial Claims	14,183	16,707	— 15.1
No. of Payments	94,184	101,673	— 7.4
Amt. of Payments	$8,403,526	$8,998,784	— 6.6
Exhaustions	2,311	2,647	— 12.7

EXTENDED BENEFITS PROGRAM

Statistics for the Extended Benefits Program, the cost of which is shared by the State and the Federal Government, are presented below:

	Feb. 1980	Jan. 1980	% Change from Jan.
Initial Claims	3	3	0.0
No. of Payments	47	68	— 30.9
Amt. of Payments	$5,483	$6,041	— 9.2

Characteristics of the Insured Unemployed
February 1980

	Number	Percent
Sex and Age		
TOTAL	23,583	100.0
Men	13,724	58.2
Under 45	8,758	63.8
45 and over	4,966	36.2
Women	9,859	41.8
Under 45	5,348	54.2
45 and over	4,511	45.8
Industry Attachment		
Contract Construction	4,717	20.0
Manufacturing	8,978	38.1
Public Utilities	882	3.7
Trade	2,777	11.8
Finance-Insurance-Real Estate	764	3.2
Service	2,395	10.2
All Other	3,070	13.0
Occupational Skills		
Prof., Tech. and Mgr.	1,999	8.5
Clerical and Sales	3,085	13.1
Service	1,366	5.8
Forestry, Fishery, and Rel.	1,102	4.7
Processing	911	3.9
Machine Trades	1,969	8.3
Bench Work	4,379	18.6
Structural Work	5,158	21.9
Miscellaneous	2,719	11.5
Not Available	895	3.8

Providence-Warwick-Pawtucket Labor Area

Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates
(In Thousands)

	Dec. 1979	Nov. 1979	Dec. 1978
Civilian Labor Force	459.3	453.3	445.4
Unemployment	29.0	23.4	26.8
Rate (Unadjusted)	6.3	5.2	6.0
Seas. Adjusted Rate	6.7	5.8	6.4

Newport Labor Area

Labor Force - Unemployment Estimates

	Dec. 1979	Nov. 1979	Dec. 1978
Civilian Labor Force	29,090	29,055	26,090
Unemployment	1,650	1,370	1,725
Rate (Unadjusted)	5.7	4.7	6.6

Westerly Labor Area

Labor Force - Unemployment Estimates

	Dec. 1979	Nov. 1979	Dec. 1978
Civilian Labor Force	13,005	12,860	11,945
Unemployment	735	625	695
Rate (Unadjusted)	5.7	4.9	5.8

LABOR SURPLUS AREAS

The following cities and towns have been classified as Labor Surplus Areas by the U. S. Department of Labor. The classifications are effective through May 31, 1980. Establishments located in these cities and towns are eligible for preference in receiving federal contracts.

Burrillville
Charlestown
Coventry
East Greenwich
Foster
Glocester
Hopkinton
Johnston
New Shoreham
Newport
North Kingstown
North Smithfield
Pawtucket
Providence
Richmond
Scituate
West Warwick
Woonsocket

ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT, EARNINGS, AND HOURS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN RHODE ISLAND

	EMPLOYMENT					PRODUCTION-WORKER AVERAGES					
	In Thousands			Net Change From		Weekly Earnings		Weekly Hours		Hourly Earnings	
INDUSTRY GROUP	Feb. 1980	Jan. 1980	Feb. 1979	Jan. 1980	Feb. 1979	Feb. 1980	Feb. 1979	Feb. 1980	Feb. 1979	Feb. 1980	Feb. 1979
ALL MANUFACTURING	130.1	130.3	132.1	— 200	— 2000	$213.49	$195.92	39.1	39.5	$5.46	$4.96
DURABLE GOODS	56.9	56.2	55.8	+ 700	+ 1100	246.00	225.84	41.0	40.4	6.00	5.59
PRIMARY METALS	8.5 *	8.2 *	8.3	+ 300	+ 200	268.76	260.04	43.7	44.3	6.15	5.87
FABRICATED METALS	9.6	10.0	10.2	— 400	— 600	210.53	187.00	38.7	37.4	5.44	5.00
NON-ELEC. MACHINERY	9.5	9.4	9.5	+ 100	0	299.38	287.92	43.2	44.5	6.93	6.47
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY	12.1	11.9	11.6	+ 200	+ 500	199.12	190.51	38.0	38.8	5.24	4.91
STONE-CLAY-GLASS	3.1	3.1	2.8	0	+ 300	283.18	258.62	45.6	44.9	6.21	5.76
TRANSPORATION EQUIP.	6.8	6.5	6.2	+ 300	+ 600	274.86	226.71	40.6	36.1	6.77	6.28
INSTRUMENTS	5.2	5.1	5.3	+ 100	— 100	232.68	204.53	42.0	40.5	5.54	5.05
LUMBER-FURNITURE	2.1	2.0	1.9	+ 100	+ 200	208.13	188.62	37.1	34.8	5.61	5.42
NONDURABLE GOODS	73.2	74.1	76.3	— 900	— 3100	188.38	175.44	37.6	38.9	5.01	4.51
JEWELRY-SILVERWARE	26.2	27.1	29.6	— 900	— 3400	159.71	150.32	35.1	37.3	4.55	4.03
FOOD-BEVERAGE	3.6	3.5	3.5	+ 100	+ 100	187.82	186.73	33.6	35.1	5.59	5.32
TEXTILE PRODUCTS	12.4	12.6	12.3	— 200	+ 100	203.35	188.72	41.5	42.6	4.90	4.43
APPAREL	3.7	3.5	3.6	+ 200	+ 100	178.48	168.06	39.4	40.4	4.53	4.16
PAPER PRODUCTS	2.9	3.0	2.9	— 100	0	215.13	194.62	40.9	40.8	5.26	4.77
PRINTING-PUBLISHING	5.2	5.1	5.1	+ 100	+ 100	288.08	266.06	39.9	39.3	7.22	6.77
CHEMICAL PRODUCTS	3.0	3.1	3.1	— 100	— 100	278.31	276.61	38.6	39.8	7.21	6.95
RUBBER PRODUCTS	1.7	1.7	1.9	0	— 200	209.22	194.62	39.7	40.8	5.27	4.77
PLASTIC PRODUCTS	5.7	5.7	5.4	0	+ 300	208.29	200.41	38.5	40.9	5.41	4.90
LEATHER PRODUCTS	3.2	3.3	3.4	— 100	— 200	124.20	120.75	34.5	34.6	3.60	3.49
MISCELLANEOUS MFG.	5.6	5.5	5.5	+ 100	+ 100	176.60	155.06	37.1	36.4	4.76	4.26

* LABOR DISPUTE

1979 FIGURES REVISED. 1980 FIGURES ARE PRELIMINARY.

ESTIMATES ARE FOR PAY PERIOD WHICH INCLUDES THE 12TH OF THE MONTH.

COMPILED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY IN COOPERATION WITH THE U.S.BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS.

LABOR TURNOVER RATES IN RHODE ISLAND
(Per 100 Employees)
December 1979

	ACCESSION RATES						SEPARATION RATES								
	TOTAL			NEW HIRES			TOTAL			QUITS			LAY-OFF RATES		
	Jan. 1980	Dec. 1979	Jan. 1979	Jan. 1980	Dec. 1979	Jan. 1979	Jan. 1980	Dec. 1979	Jan. 1979	Jan. 1980	Dec. 1979	Jan. 1979	Jan. 1980	Dec. 1979	Jan. 1979
MANUFACTURING	5.4	2.7	5.9	3.2	2.0	3.7	6.1	5.0	5.5	2.2	1.5	2.6	2.9	2.7	1.6
DURABLE GOODS	5.0	2.6	4.4	3.2	2.1	3.3	3.9	3.0	3.1	1.8	1.2	1.8	1.2	1.1	0.5
Primary Metals	3.4	1.8	3.9	2.5	1.3	2.7	2.7	1.3	1.8	1.5	0.6	1.1	0.3	0.2	***
Fabricated Metals	4.3	3.5	4.6	3.4	2.9	3.8	4.6	2.3	4.0	2.2	1.4	2.6	1.5	0.3	0.6
Non-Elec. Mach.	3.0	1.9	3.1	1.7	1.2	2.4	1.9	1.6	2.0	0.8	0.5	0.6	0.2	0.4	0.7
Electrical Mach.	5.0	3.3	4.5	4.0	2.8	3.9	5.6	4.1	4.6	2.8	2.3	3.1	1.8	1.2	0.5
Instruments-Optical	4.6	1.6	4.3	3.5	1.2	4.1	2.2	2.4	2.6	1.4	1.0	1.5	0.3	0.7	0.3
OTHER DURABLE GOODS *	8.1	2.9	5.1	4.2	2.2	2.7	4.3	5.4	2.5	1.7	1.0	1.2	1.7	3.6	0.5
NONDUR. GOODS	5.7	2.8	6.9	3.2	2.0	3.9	7.8	6.4	7.1	2.5	1.8	3.2	4.2	3.8	2.4
Food-Beverage	5.4	3.3	13.7	2.1	1.1	7.2	3.0	3.9	11.5	1.2	1.5	8.6	1.1	1.4	1.2
Textiles	4.7	3.4	5.0	3.5	2.7	4.0	5.0	3.1	4.8	2.3	1.8	2.0	1.5	0.4	1.6
Apparel	10.3	5.0	8.2	4.3	1.6	4.2	4.7	7.5	5.5	1.8	1.2	2.7	2.1	5.5	2.6
Paper & Allied Prod.	7.6	4.0	7.2	4.1	3.0	4.6	7.0	6.1	6.5	3.4	1.8	3.6	2.8	3.6	1.9
Rubber & Plas. Prod.	4.0	3.7	3.6	2.5	2.5	2.8	2.9	3.3	6.6	1.6	1.4	2.4	0.4	1.4	1.0
Jewelry & Silverware	4.3	1.8	6.2	3.3	1.4	4.2	11.9	9.9	8.7	2.2	1.6	3.8	9.0	7.8	3.7
OTHER NONDURABLE GOODS **	9.0	2.9	11.0	2.6	2.3	2.6	7.0	4.4	6.0	3.1	2.2	2.3	1.5	1.1	1.3

* RATES FOR JANUARY 1980 ARE PRELIMINARY. RATES FOR DECEMBER 1979 AND JANUARY 1979 ARE FINAL.

** INCLUDES: LUMBER AND WOOD PRODUCTS; STONE, CLAY AND GLASS PRODUCTS AND TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT. PRINTING, PUBLISHING AND ALLIED INDUSTRIES; CHEMICALS AND CHEMICAL PRODUCTS; LEATHER AND LEATHER PRODUCTS AND MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES.

*** LESS THAN 0.05 PERCENT.

TOTAL ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT IN RHODE ISLAND

	Employment in Thousands			Net Change From	
	Feb. 1980	Jan. 1980	Feb. 1979	Jan. 1980	Feb. 1979
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT*	390.5	391.7	391.0	— 1200	— 500
MANUFACTURING	130.1	130.3	132.1	— 200	— 2000
NONMANUFACTURING	260.4	261.4	258.9	— 1000	+ 1500
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	10.8	11.7	10.5	— 900	+ 300
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	13.1 †	13.2	13.3	— 100	— 200
TRADE (Wholesale & Retail)	77.9	79.1	78.5	— 1200	— 600
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	21.0	20.8	20.6	+ 200	+ 400
SERVICE (Miscellaneous)	77.8 †	76.8 †	76.0	+ 1000	+ 1800
GOVERNMENT (Federal, State & Local)	59.8	59.8	60.0	0	— 200

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* FARMERS; SELF-EMPLOYED, DOMESTIC AND ARMED SERVICES PERSONNEL ARE EXCLUDED.

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February. Finance, Insurance and Real Estate firms showed an increase of 200 jobs to 21,000, while Government employment remained even with last month's data.

MANUFACTURING JOBS IN SLIGHT OVERALL DECLINE

Recent estimates reveal the number of workers in manufacturing establishments declined by 200 to 130,100 at mid-February. The Durable Goods segment totaled 56,900, up 700 jobs in the month and 1,100 over the year. In Nondurable Goods, the jobs total of 73,200 showed a loss of 900 workers in the month and represented a decline of 3,100 jobs over a one-year period.

In the Durable Goods sector only Fabricated Metals showed a decline, down 400 jobs in the month from 10,000 to 9,600. Stone, Clay and Glass firms held steady with 3,100 workers, while all other segments showed increases. Primary metals, in spite of a continuing labor dispute, increased by 300 jobs to reach 8,500 in mid-February. Transportation Equipment also expanded by 300 workers to a level of 6,800. In Electrical Machinery, the growth was 200 jobs to a total employment of 12,100. Nonelectrical Machinery, Instruments, and Lumber-Furniture each posted job gains of 100 over the month to reach 9,500, 5,200 and 2,100, respectively. Five of the eight Durable Goods industries showed over-the-year increases, two posted declines, and one remained even.

In the Nondurable Goods sector, down 900 jobs to 73,200 in mid-February, ten of the eleven segments showed little or no significant month-to-month change. Jewelry-Silverware was the big loser, posting a monthly job decline of 900 workers to a level of 26,200, and down 3,400 over the year.

Textiles lost 200 jobs to 12,400, still slightly above last year's figures. Apparel manufacturers added 200 jobs to 3,700, a level also slightly above the previous year's employment.

In six other Nondurable Goods industries, gains or losses amounted to 100 workers each, while two segments, Rubber and Plastics, remained even over the month.

A yearly comparison reveals that six industries showed increases, four had declines in the number of workers, and one remained even.

HOURS AND EARNINGS

Gross average hourly earnings for manufacturing workers rose by 4 cents an hour in the month, and by 50 cents in the twelve-month period. Average weekly hours declined over the month and over the year, by .6 and .4 hours, respectively. Average weekly earnings for manufacturing workers stood at $213.49 in Mid-February, down $1.68 in the month and up $17.57 over the year.

RHODE ISLAND
Labor Force - Unemployment Estimates
(In Thousands)

	Feb. 1980	Jan. 1980	Feb. 1979
Civilian Labor Force	462.2	459.4	441.6
Unemployment	37.5	35.0	33.1
Rate (Unadjusted)	8.1	7.6	7.5
Seasonally Adjusted Rate	7.0	6.7	6.5

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